

Memorandum

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From: **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**
Central Division

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Subject: STRATEGIC PLANNING – 2009 THIRD QUARTER REPORT

Attached for your review and approval is the Central Division Strategic Plan quarterly report for 2009. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Lieutenant Jason Elsome or Pat Heintz, AGPA at (559)277-7250.



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Attachment

Safety, Service, and Security

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Area/Division: CENTRAL DIVISION - 401

Goal 1.1 - Prevent the loss of life, injuries, and property damage.

Performance Measure(s): The Department will seek a statewide collision reduction of 5 percent, compared to a prior three-year average (2005 - 2007), by December 31, 2010.

Collision statistics are reported to each Division/Area via the Strategic Plan Statistical Report.

Monthly Reconciliation with Program-10, AIS.

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Motorcycle Statistics	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
Fatal	8	14	3		25
Injury	104	127	141		372
PDO	33	38	3		74

Goal 1.2 - Maximize service to the public and assistance to allied agencies.

Performance Measure(s): The Department will increase the availability of collision reports within the eight-day time frame to 90 percent during the life of the Strategic Plan through 2010.

Injury/PDO Collision Reports	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
Total No. of Reports	4831	4781	4975		14587
Rpts. Available ≤ 8 days	4006	4000	4052		12058
% Available ≤ 8 days	83%	84%	81%	#DIV/0!	83%
Preliminary Fatal/MAIT/Hit&Run (follow-up) reports	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
Total No. of Reports	102	114	104		320
Rpts. Available ≤ 8 days	67	86	78		231
% Available ≤ 8 days	66%	75%	75%	#DIV/0!	72%

Goal 1.4 - Manage traffic and emergency incidents.

Performance Measure: The Department will seek a 5 percent reduction of incident-driven highway closures by December 31, 2010.

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
Number of traffic-related incidents where a full freeway or major state route is closed over 90 minutes.	15	9	7		31

Goal 1.5 - Protect public and state assets.

Performance Measure: The Department will reduce auto theft statewide by 5 percent by December 31, 2010.

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
Number of CHP Vehicle Theft(s)	659	566	515		1740
Number of Allied Agency Vehicle Theft(s)	2	0	0		2



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Comments on Goal 1.1 - 1.5:

Goal 1.1

Central Division, through visible proactive patrol, facilitating various programs and education venues, and participation in Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grants, contributes to statewide efforts in preventing the loss of life, injuries and property damage. Supervisors stress the importance of enforcing laws that have a significant impact on reducing the number of fatal/injury collisions, victims killed in collisions, and victims injured in collisions (DUI, speed and occupant restraint violations). Our efforts will assist the Department in achieving its goal of a five percent collision reduction compared to a prior three-year average.

The first phase of the 2009 grant cycle ended September 30, 2009. Grant funds for overtime reimbursement under the Comprehensive Approach to Reducing Speed (CARS) grant were expended by Central Division Areas. The grant focused on PCFs through visible proactive patrol and education with an emphasis on three separate elements, state highways, county roads, motorcycle enforcement and includes radar deployments, and local traffic safety presentations. Approximately 97 percent of the allocated hours were used through the FLSA period ending September 27, 2009. It is anticipated the remaining hours were used in the last days of September and will be reconciled by November 20, 2009.

Overtime hours were also expended under the statewide Sobriety Checkpoint Operations & Roving DUI Enforcement (SCORE) Grant - AL0969 which also ended September 30, 2009. Activity under this grant included DUI task force operations, roving patrol/enforcement, sobriety/driver license checkpoints, and DUI local traffic safety presentations and designated driver programs. Central Division was instrumental in deterring and removing a number of impaired drivers from California's roadways during the third quarter. Thirteen checkpoints resulted in 38 DUI arrests, 102 field sobriety tests were conducted, 247 citations were issued, 196 unlicensed drivers were identified, and 205 vehicles were stored of the 8,504 vehicles screened. Two roving DUI task force operations resulted in 14 DUI arrests, 27 field sobriety tests were conducted, 27 citations were issued, one unlicensed driver was identified, and five vehicles were stored. Approximately 99 percent of the allocated hours were used through the FLSA period ending September 27, 2009. All checkpoints occurred as scheduled and approximately 87 percent of the allocated hours were used.

The Buttonwillow Area is involved in a corridor project with the local community, including Caltrans and local legislators, to reduce accidents on SR 119. The Area had six fatal accidents on SR 119 in 2007. A task force was formed to address the number of accidents. The Kern Council of Governments (KERNCOG) initially contracted with the Department to provide the Area with \$180,000 in overtime funding to enforce PCF violations on the corridor. Additional funding totaling \$300,000 was secured through OTS to continue enforcement as part of the PT 0907 - Safe Highway Coalitions III, Buttonwillow Safety Corridor I. Enforcement overtime with this funding began April 1, 2009 and will continue through March 31, 2010. Efforts have proved successful with only two fatal accidents occurring on SR 119 in the last 2 years. The group last met July 9, 2009.

The Central Division Safety and Farm Labor Vehicle Education (SAFE) Unit conducted 21 farm labor vehicle (FLV) strike force operations, 142 FLV and 22 passenger FLV non-punitive inspections at eight different inspection sites. The aggressive enforcement of uncertified farm labor vehicles continues; however, due to the elimination of the SAFE overtime budget, the hours of patrol time have been slightly reduced.



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Air Operations personnel contributed to efforts by issuing 180 citations, assisted at 42 collision scenes and assisted in seven pursuits.

The Central Division Motor Carrier Safety Unit (MCSU) completed 990 BITs during the quarter, indicating a 90% completion rate. MCSU personnel teamed with Central Division Commercial Unit personnel during MCSAP funded strike force activities on the following dates, July 24, and 31, 2009, and September 26, 2009. The activities focused on commercial truck inspections at both roving and fixed locations.

Goal 1.2

Central Division administrative staff handle numerous inquiries on a daily basis responding to public needs of aid or information. Various personnel provide traffic safety presentations with local community groups and schools along with providing several hundred radio and television PSAs. PSAs include general safe driving tips, rules of the road, reminders on the use of protective restraint systems, and tips for driving in the fog (during the winter months).

Daily briefings and discussion throughout the Division are used to emphasize the Strategic Plan's goal of improving both the quality and timeliness of reports. Ongoing training is provided to officers to improve the quality of reports and stress the importance of the eight-day time frame. Area supervisory and managerial staff are kept apprised of report status with weekly updates. Several Areas have implemented specific tracking systems to assist in achieving this goal.

The Central Division Public Information Officer Participated and helped facilitate the Experience in Reality (EIR) class for the first time traffic offender violators. This is an informational course providing traffic safety information to young drivers from the ages of 16-19 in Fresno County.

The Central Division Commercial Unit personnel provided five allied agency presentations during the third quarter.

Goal 1.4

Traffic collisions were the primary cause of the noted road closures during the third quarter. Proper notifications were made and appropriate procedures were followed. Additionally, the Central Division Traffic Management Center (TMC) made immediate notification to the media concerning full-freeway or major state route closures and alternate routes via fax. TMC reports traffic conditions, full-freeway or major state route closures and alternate routes during eight daily television reports and 25 daily radio reports.

Goal 1.5

Personnel specifically dedicated to the Department's statewide effort in reducing auto theft are assigned to various elements of Central Division's Special Operations, Investigative Services Unit-Vehicle Theft, Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) Task Force, Kern County Auto Theft Task Force (KERNCAAT), Stanislaus County Vehicle Theft Task Force (STANCAAT), and Tulare Regional Auto Theft Team (TRATT).

The HEAT Task Force recovered 28 occupied stolen vehicles, made 41 auto theft related arrests and conducted 44 probation/parole searches. The team also conducts meetings for all Fresno auto theft detectives the first Thursday of each month to facilitate sharing information.



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STANCATT maintains its commitment to combating the ongoing problem of auto theft in Stanislaus County. Stanislaus County is notorious for having one of the highest auto theft rates in the nation. The task force consists of members from the CHP, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, Modesto Police Department, Ceres Police Department, and Turlock Police Department. Despite the statistics, STANCATT made 32 recoveries, initiated 45 vehicle theft investigations, arrested 27 auto theft suspects, conducted 51 parole/probation inspections, and 15 business inspections during the third quarter of 2009.

KERNCATT works against auto theft by patrolling, conducting follow up on recovered vehicles, working with informants, assisting ISU investigators, saturation patrols with allied agencies, and educating patrol officers. KERNCATT implemented a Craig's List "store front" and utilizes a Bakersfield Police bait vehicle. KERNCATT, in an effort to become a multi agency task force, has part time participation from investigators from the Bakersfield Police Department (BPD). Because of the success of this cooperation, BPD investigators work as KERNCATT members three days per week. KERNCATT continued to combat auto theft in Kern County through many avenues. In the third quarter, KERNCATT made 41 recoveries, 15 occupied recoveries, and 37 felony arrests.

Safety Services personnel throughout the Division are visiting State owned or leased facilities to ensure all crimes are reported properly. Central Division Areas have MOU's in place with local Law Enforcement Agencies to designate which agency will investigate crimes on state property. All Central Division Area coordinators were trained, per MM 08-049, on policy and Data entry into the CIRS database in September.



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Goal 3.3 - Customer Service

Performance Measure: Commanders will develop professional relationships and partnerships with community leaders and organizations to reflect the population the command serves in order to promote traffic safety education and departmental services available to the public. To assist with developing relationships, commanders shall attend meetings of local county board of supervisors and meet with board members on a quarterly basis. Additionally, attending scheduled city council/county board of supervisors and school board meetings in concert with their police and sheriff's departments will help the Department show support and answer questions about CHP roles and responsibilities.

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Cmltv.
<i>Number of meetings held between commanders and local county board of supervisors.</i>	61	54	73		188
<i>Number of meetings held between commanders and city councils.</i>		9	19		28
<i>Number of meetings held with school boards, community services districts, neighborhood associations, and local elected officials.</i>		101	82		183
<i>Number of meetings held with community groups.</i>		87	66		153
<i>Number of community events attended.</i>		203	151		354

Comments on quarterly meetings:

Area commanders meet regularly with their respective local County Boards of Supervisors and other local governmental groups (i.e., Public Works Departments, Caltrans, District Attorneys, Chambers of Commerce) to address mutual concerns.

The Department's Community Outreach Inclusion Plan was provided to Commanders and was discussed and expectations were conveyed at the April DACC. In an effort to further the Department's efforts, the Commercial/SAFE Unit made its selections for three EI Protector officer positions. These officers will be housed in the Fresno, Bakersfield and Modesto Areas. With the revitalization of this program, all future Spanish television & Radio interviews will now be conducted by the EI protector officers.

The following is a sampling of Area activity contributing to the efforts for improving community outreach programs:



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The Central Division SAFE program continues to provide traffic safety education presentations throughout the Central Valley. SAFE also continues to give presentations at migrant labor camps to specifically address farm labor transportation, laws and regulations. The non-punitive inspections of farm labor vehicles and passenger farm labor transporters continue with positive results. SAFE has reduced its inspection sites to Merced, Fresno, and Visalia. This allows non-inspecting SAFE officers to conduct aggressive enforcement of uncertified farm labor vehicles and overloaded passenger farm on days that are usually scheduled for inspections only.

During the third quarter, the Commercial Unit provided 73 community outreach seminars which focused on "Rules of the Road" which reached approximately 2,548 people. The SAFE Unit conducted a total of 66 Spanish Radio and Television Media interviews reaching an estimated listening/viewing audience of 1,879,645. Officers discussed Farm Labor Vehicle (FLV), general traffic safety, DUI, seatbelts and child safety restraints.

The Modesto Area Public Information conducted nine public safety events in Stanislaus County. The safety events included Start Smart, pedestrian safety, DUI prevention, and basic driver's education safety information.

The Sonora Area Commander attended the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors meeting in July and the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors meeting in August. During the meeting, the Commander provided a short presentation to the board on the Area's overall mission and efforts.

The Fresno Area continues to utilize a "Community Oriented Policing" unit of five officers to address community traffic concerns and high priority areas for enforcement purposes. They also met with residents of their responsible areas for meetings regarding school zone issues, traffic complaints, special traffic control events, and mentoring activities.

The Merced Area Commander attended three Merced County Board of Supervisors meetings and met with members of the board to discuss local traffic safety issues on six separate occasions. The Commander attended local town hall meetings at the request of members of the board to field traffic safety questions from citizens. The PIO also attended Municipal Advisory Committee meetings in which the board member representing that district was present. Merced Area continues to participate with and support local groups in the community. Merced Area officers attended local community events and worked a public information booth at the Merced County Fair. The PIO also attended Municipal Advisory Committee meetings in which the board member representing that district was present. Merced Area supervisors routinely attend Municipal Advisory Meetings within the communities of Delhi, Plannada, La Grand, Snelling, McSwain, Winton and Hilmar.

On September 25, 2009, The Chowchilla Inspection Facility Commander met with the U.S. Congressman Dennis Cardoza's staff. CRIF's mission and objectives, the CVSA inspection process, bypass operations and PrePass were all discussed.

